

# CLARINET MAINTENANCE

Supplies needed: mouthpiece cap, clarinet swab, reedguards, cork grease, at least 3 good reeds, soft cloth (cotton or flannel is fine.)

## DAILY

1. Remove reed from mouthpiece.
2. Pull the swab through the entire instrument except the mouthpiece.

## WEEKLY

1. Wash mouthpiece in warm soapy water using a mouthpiece brush.
2. Grease corks if necessary.
3. Clean dirt out of case (vacuum case).
4. Check for loose screws (ASK DIRECTOR TO TIGHTEN LOOSE SCREWS)

## MONTHLY

1. Clean Instrument

## YEARLY

(A good time for yearly maintenance is during the summer when the instrument is not being played everyday. If you have a maintenance agreement with a music store is it a good idea to send your instrument back to be professionally cleaned and checked out.)

1. Oil keys (ASK DIRECTOR ABOUT OILING KEYS)
2. Oil the bore (WOOD CLARINETS ONLY – ASK DIRECTOR)

## CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove reed from the mouthpiece. Place in a reedguard to dry.
2. Swab each portion of the instrument, except the mouthpiece. Pulling the swab through the mouthpiece can change the inside of the mouthpiece.
3. Use a small brush or pipe cleaner to clean dust and dirt from under the keys. Be careful not to dislodge a spring.
4. Wipe off old grease from around the corks.
5. Grease the corks again.
6. Using a soft cloth, wipe off the outside of the instrument, (especially the keys) to prevent discoloration due to handling.
7. Clean the mouthpiece using lukewarm soapy water and mild soap (dishwashing detergent is good). Dry with a paper towel. Do not run through the mouthpiece.